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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY---The Empire District Gas Company (Empire) has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority to provide natural gas service in Platte County near Platte City, Missouri. Empire seeks Commission authority to provide service to an area that Missouri Gas Energy filed an application to serve back in January of this year. Both cases have been consolidated for purposes of hearing.

In its application, Empire also seeks to provide natural gas service to a nearby area, an expansion of its current certificated area. Empire also seeks clarification from the Commission on nearby areas that both Empire and Missouri Gas Energy claim to have a certificate to serve.

Applications to intervene and participate in these cases must be filed no later than **June 11, 2007**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael R. Noack, Director, Pricing & Regulatory Affairs, Missouri Gas Energy, 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111; Todd J. Jacobs, Missouri Gas Energy, 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111; Roger W. Steiner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP, 4520 Main Street, Suite 1100, Kansas City, Missouri 64111; Ron Gatz, Vice President, The Empire District Gas Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64802; Scott Keith, The Empire District Gas Company, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64802; Jeffrey A. Keevil, Stewart & Keevil, LLC, 4603 John Garry Drive, Suite 11, Columbia, Missouri 65203; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 573-751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov).